(b) and (c) Targets for telephone connections during 1995-96 has been fixed as 1,36,000.

There is no waiting list for telex connections. No target therefore is fixed for 1995-96 and the connections will be given as and when demand is received.

Dapartment is not providing any Fax connections for issuing licences to the subscribers to use any of the approved Fax machines on the telephone lines. Fax machines are to be purchased by the subscribers on their own.

Electronic telephone exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

3521. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the places where electronic telephone exchanges have been set up till date, in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) by when the electronic telephone exchanges are proposed to be set up in other places of the State during 1995-96, alongwith the names of those places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The places where electronic telephone exchanges have been set up in Andhra Pradesh as on 20-3-95 are indicated in Annexure-I. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 71)

(b) 18 Major (MAX-I) exchanges and 150 small|medium exchanges are planned to be set up during 1995-96. The details of the places of small|medium exchanges have yet to be finalised, as the same will depend on the availability of equipment, funds and other resources. The details of Major exchanges are given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

TENTATIVE PLAN—1995-96

(a) MAJOR EXCHANGES

1. Hyderabad
2. Nellore
3. Visakhapatnam
4. Guntur
5. Kurnool
6. Rajahmundry
7. Vijayawada
8. Hanumakonda
9. Tirupathi
10. Bhimavaram
11. Chilakaluripsta
12. Cuddapah
13. Kakinada
14. Guntakal
15. Adilabad
16. Mandapeta
17. Tanuku
18. Vizianagaram

Theft of Postal Articles

3522. SHRI VERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidents of theft of parcels, letters and other postal articles;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase vigilance in this regard;

(c) whether any effective methods have been introduced to detect and prevent theft of postal articles in 1994-95; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.